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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Tajikistan (S/1999/1127)

Eritrea/Ethiopia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	52nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child [165]

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in Burundi".

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

General debate, consideration of and action on draft resolution(s) submitted under agenda item 66 (Question of Antartica)

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1 and Add.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

Effects of atomic radiation [86] (A/54/46, A/C.4/54/L.20)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 4

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development (A/54/15, Parts I-V, A/54/486, A/54/304, A/54/529, A/54/94-S/1999/518, A/54/392)

Introductory statements by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and the President-elect of the Trade and Development Board

Briefing by the Deputy Foreign Minister of Thailand on UNCTAD X

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Roble Olhaye, Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.8 *(item 100 (e))* and A/C.2/54/L.25 *(item 97(a))*

* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee.

3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 4

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/54/271 and Add.1, A/54/269, A/C.2/54/3)

Introductions and general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.10 *(item 99 (d))*, A/C.2/54/L.11 *(item 99 (e))*, A/C.2/54/L.13 *(item 99 (b))* and resolution 17/1 of the Commission of Human Settlements

* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/54/527-S/1999/1125, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.46 and L.49

2. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.53

3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491)

4. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/54/527-S/1999/1125, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

5. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

   Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. II), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

Part VIII: Common support services

Conclusion of general discussion

Part IX: Internal oversight

Internal oversight (Part IX, section 28)

Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Jointly financed administrative activities (Part X, section 29)

Special expenses (Part X, section 30)

Part XI: Capital expenditures

Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance (Part XI, section 31)

Part XII: Staff assessment

Staff assessment (Part XII, section 32)

Part XIII: Development Account

Development Account (Part XIII, section 33)

Estimates of income

Income Section:

1. Income from staff assessment

2. General income

3. Services to the public (A/C.5/54/14)

General discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

9 a.m.- 10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session *(item 155)*

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations [161] (A/C.6/54/L.3)

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session [156]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.4

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.5

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property *(item 152)*

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.3 (Eradication of poverty) and A/C.2/54/L.11 (International migration and development) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 11 November 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.15 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(all draft resolutions on environment)

9.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP:

WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(draft resolution on item 101 (a): World Summit for Children)

3.30 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 97 (c) (Trade and Development))

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting)

6 p.m.- 7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a closed meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) *today*, 11 November 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B. There will be a briefing by the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

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Special meeting

There will be a special meeting on "The Development of a Mental Health Policy at the World Bank", organized by the NGO Committee on Mental Health and the World Bank, *today*, 11 November 1999, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Dr. Harvey Whiteford, Mental Health Specialist, World Bank Group, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

The UNICEF NGO Sub-Working Group on Children in Armed Conflicts will hold a panel discussion on the plight of Sierra Leonan children *today*, 11 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a closed meeting of troop contributors to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor/United Nations Mission in East Timor *today*, 11 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 12 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 4
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 40th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	31st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In the context of the discussions on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and the reduction of poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Global Campaign on Secure Tenure". H.E. Mr. Ole Peter Kolby, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, will moderate the event. Mr. William Cobbett, Acting Head of the Shelter Branch of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), Ms. Jan Peterson, Chair of the Huairou Commission, and Ms. Ethel Velez, President of James Johnson Public Housing, will be among the panellists. The event, which is being organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 12 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 248th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Council will consider the draft decision contained in the Report of the Commission on Human Rights at its fourth special session entitled "Situation of human rights in East Timor;" as well as the election for the Board of the World Food Program and the draft decision on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session (E/1999/L.60).

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) *(on the Committee on Information)* on Friday, 12 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Whole *(briefing by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme)* on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Panel discussions

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

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The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, Professor Samuel Huntington, Harvard University, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefings

Mr. Vladimir Fenopetov, Head of the Programme for Central and Eastern Europe, and West and Central Asia of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, will hold an informal briefing on the theme "Drug Threat from Afghanistan via Central Asia" on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Mr. Maurice F. Strong, President of the Council on the University for Peace, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments relating to the revitalization of the University for Peace, especially in the light of General Assembly discussions under agenda item 21 (University for Peace) (document A/54/312), and on the forthcoming Council session, te be held in San José (Costa Rica) from 21 to 23 November 1999. The briefing will be held on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4063rd meeting

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Rwanda, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Carla Del Ponte, Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia and of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Prosecutor.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, France, Canada, the United Kingdom, China, the Russian Federation, Malaysia, the United States, the Netherlands, Brazil, the Gambia, Bahrain, Gabon and Namibia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Slovenia.

The Prosecutor responded to comments and questions by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

51st plenary meeting

Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/54/L.20) [36]

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.11.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of the Holy See in the debate on agenda item 36.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania and Slovenia), Malaysia, Egypt, South Africa, Norway, Italy, San Marino, Cuba, Afghanistan, Cyprus, Indonesia, the Philippines, Namibia, Peru and Armenia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/265 of 24 August 1994, the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the plenary meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.20 (resolution 54/22).

A statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Israel.

The representative of Slovakia made a statement on a point of order.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer of Palestine.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 36.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for

Internal Oversight Services: letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/531) [17 (i)]

The General Assembly took note of the letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/531).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 17.

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/54/L.16) [37]

The representative of Chile made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.16.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.16 (resolution 54/23).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 37.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: draft resolution (A/54/L.6/Rev.1) [106]

The representative of the Dominican Republic made a statement in the course of which she orally revised draft resolution A/54/L.6/Rev.1.

A statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of the United States.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.6/Rev.1, as orally revised (resolution 54/24).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 106.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 20th meeting

Effects of atomic radiation [86]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation contained in document A/54/46.

The representative of Sweden introduced the related report (A/54/46) and the draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.20.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

The general debate began with a statement by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Norway), China, Indonesia (on behalf of the Member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam)), Japan and Kazakhstan.

The Committee decided, on the proposal by the Chairman, to conclude the general debate and take action on the draft resolution at its next meeting.

THIRD COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of sub-items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of Viet Nam, Malaysia, Australia, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda and Greece, as well as the observer for the Holy See.

41st meeting

Promotion and Protection of the rights of children [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.49

The Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the draft resolution.

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, India, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Micronesia (Federated States of), New

Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, the Sudan, Thailand, Turkey and Uzbekistan, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.54

The Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Mónica Martínez (Ecuador) orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.55

The Committee had before it the draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.55 which had been recommended by the Economic and Social Council for adoption.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 110.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.26

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the statement of the Controller, contained in document A/C.3/54/6, and was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the revisions that had been made to the text when introduced.

The representative of Guyana announced that Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Malta and San Marino joined in sponsoring the draft resolution

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the Secretariat was awaiting possible programme budget implications from Geneva and that action would be deferred to a later stage.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.50

The Secretary read out the statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution.

The representative of Denmark announced that Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, El Salvador, Eritrea, Georgia, Morocco, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, San Marino and South Africa joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Ghana, Guatemala, Liberia, Madagascar and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Jordan, Argentina, Togo, Madagascar, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Turkey and the Congo.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, China, Greece, Cyprus and Turkey.

Organization of work

It was announced that on Thursday, 11 November, in the afternoon, the Committee would take action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.46 and L.49, under agenda item 112, and on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.53, under agenda item 116 (a).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 33rd meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

Part V: Regional cooperation for development

Section 21. Regular programme of technical cooperation

The Committee continued its consideration of this section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised at the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee held on 9 November 1999.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 21 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part VII: Public information

Section 26. Public Information

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced section 26 of Part VII (A/54/7).

Part VI: Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 22. Human rights

The Committee continued its consideration of this section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Uganda and India.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination made a statement.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 22 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 23. Protection of and assistance to refugees

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Algeria, Japan, the United States, Uganda, Cuba and Namibia.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 24. Palestine refugees

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Japan, Cuba, the United States, Egypt, Israel and Uganda.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Cuba and Japan.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 24 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 25. Humanitarian assistance

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Canada, Japan, Cuba, the United States and Algeria.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 25 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part VII: Public information

Section 26. Public information

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Egypt, China, Uganda, Japan, the United States, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cuba, Israel, Canada, Kenya and Kuwait.

34th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part VIII: Common support services

Section 27A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management

Section 27B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

Section 27C. Office of Human Resources Management

Section 27D. Office of Central Support Services

Section 27E. Administration, Geneva

Section 27F. Administration, Vienna

Section 27G. Administration, Nairobi

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced sections 27A to 27G of Part VIII (A/54/7).

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta) and Norway.

Section 27A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States, Japan and Canada.

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) stated that the statement of the Group of 77 and China would be made at the Committee's next meeting.

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Section 27B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

The Controller made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta).

The Controller replied to questions raised.

Section 27C. Office of Human Resources Management

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the United States and Japan.

The representative of the Philippines also made a statement.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Section 27D. Office of Central Support Services

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, the United States, Cuba, Japan and Canada.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Section 27E. Administration, Geneva

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan and the United States.

Section 27F. Administration, Vienna

The representative of Japan made a statement.

Section 27G. Administration, Nairobi

No statements were made under this section.

Part VII: Public information

Section 26. Public information

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this section and heard statements by the representatives of India, Australia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Uganda.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 26 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 1999

395th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the second and third periodic reports of Austria (CAT/C/17/Add.21). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

396th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Malta (CAT/C/29/Add.6). The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 393rd meeting.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Approval: Czech Republic (5 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 11 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special events

On the occcasion of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a special event will be held *today*, 11 November 1999, in the General Assembly Hall, immediately following the adjournment of the General Assembly commemoration starting at 10 a.m. The event will be chaired by the President of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab. Participants will be the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, Ms. Carol Bellamy, the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara Otunnu, the Acting Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms. Marilia Sardenberg, and the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Paolo Fulci.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A musical event of Uzbek songs, music and dances, entitled "Pearls of the East", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations in connection with the Days of Culture of Uzbekistan in the United States, will be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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